

# Remember? Bayville's Police Department

David Rapelje

There are still a few people who remember that at one time Bayville had its own police department. Prior to 1919 this little community with a population of less than 600 relied on a local constable and the state police to control the peace. With the addition of ferry service to Stamford in 1920 and a second ferry to Greenwich in 1921, Bayville quickly became a popular summer destination. Its summer population grew to near 1000 and countless visitors arrived on a daily basis. It became quite clear that relying on the local constable for policing was no longer effective. Mayor Winslow Pierce swore in Dan Davis as Bayville's first police officer and sent him to the New York State School for Police in Troy and purchased an Indian motorcycle for patrolling the village. The department operated with two full time officers and two auxiliary officers during the busy summer months. By 1930 the department grew to five full time officers and three motorcycles. The Police Department operated out of several locations over the years including the old Perry General Store (present day Lee J Smith Realty). In 1950 Harrison Williams donated 24 acres of his 60-acre estate including his maintenance and garage complex to the village. In the terms of the deal, he made the stipulation that the chief of police must live in the complex. In 1951 the police department and its two new patrol cars moved into its new offices in the complex adjacent to the Village court. Under much protest from his wife, Chief Sandy Belsito packed up his family and moved from their home on Tildean Lane to the building that now houses the Bayville Museum where he worked and lived until his death in 1961. The department operated from this location for another year when the village board sighting rising costs voted to close the Bayville Police Department and merge its members into the Nassau County Police Force, drawing to a close 41 years of distinctive service to our community.



# Nine Boy Scouts Make Eagle Rank

Boy Scout Troop 176 - 2021 scouting year was light with trips and events due to covid. But we did get away to summer camp at Oneonta Scout Reservation for a beautiful week in July. We had nine scouts Christopher Chiu, Timothy Chiu, Lucas Johnson, Ryan Maselli, Ryan Sylwester, Joe Valli, Joe Kuebler, Honor Scorzelli and Michael Veteri make Eagle Rank this year. The weekend before Thanksgiving we are having our annual Turkey Cookout. It's a weekend at Muttontown Preserve in the woods, Scouts and parents get time to cook Turkeys under steel garbage cans. It's the best Turkey you have ever tasted. Look for the Turkey Cookout article in our local paper. Please remember the couple of weekends after Thanksgiving the scout will be at IGA selling wreaths and poinsettias. As Thanksgiving and the holidays get closer, Troop 176 would like to wish everyone the best holiday season and be safe.

**Visit Our New Bayville Businesses**

**Schultz's Seafood Restaurant**

**Pickle Island**

**Bayville Taqueria**

**Over the Bridge**

# The BAYVILLE



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## A Message from the Mayor

Robert E. De Natale

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. Village Hall is now open to the public, the entire Village Staff worked tirelessly through the pandemic to deliver all services without interruption, and Board meetings resumed live in July.



Many improvements have been accomplished through the COVID pandemic. New playground equipment is scheduled for installation at Soundside Beach. The ice-skating rink has been renovated and is ready for skating—now all we need is below freezing weather. Handicap accessibility to Village Hall, including new bathrooms, electronically operated doors to Village Hall and handicap access to the board room have been completed. We have retained an engineering firm which has begun an inspection of the drainage systems

along First Avenue at the east end of the Village and we are awaiting the results.

I am pleased to report the Village was awarded \$690,459.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act. Municipalities have until December 31, 2024, to obligate funds and until December 31, 2026, to spend funds. There are very specific and limited purposes the funds could be spent on, and the Village Trustees will seek to take full advantage of the available funds.

We are nearing the completion of a major repaving project which included Perry, Godfrey and Mountain Avenues. The next scheduled repaving includes Merritt Lane and School Street. The funds were made available through a New York State grant of \$500,000.00.

I want to publicly thank Deputy Mayor David Wright for his service and dedication to the Village and Board during his term as Trustee. He left an indelible imprint on the Board. We wish David much success in his new role as the Honorable David M. Wright, Judge of the Nassau County District Court.

I encourage residents to call or email me with any questions or concerns. You may reach me at 516-628-1439 ext. 124 or rdenatale@bayvilleny.gov. Please sign up for eblasts at bayvilleny.gov to receive important reminders and to stay informed.

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**All of us at Village Hall wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Holiday Greetings.**

## Great Grandmother Celebrates 100th Birthday



Jean Greco has been a Bayville resident for 66 years and is the proud mother of Vito and Jim, the grandmother of nine, and great grandmother on nine. Born in 1921, Jean celebrated her 100th birthday on April 5th. Mayor De Natale presented Jean with a proclamation from the Village on her birthday and offered best wishes.

## Scouts Participate in Oyster Garden

This past spring and summer Bayville Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts participated in the Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee's Community Oyster Garden program through the leadership of Rob Crafa. Mayor De Natale generously sponsored the oyster gardens. All the scouts were eager to participate in a program that improves our local water quality, enhances the marine habitat, and supports a sustainable shellfish population. An adult oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day.

Back in the spring, the scouts assembled oyster gardens, which are basically plastic cages with holes small enough to keep juvenile oysters (i.e., seed) inside and predators out. In June, oyster gardens were each loaded with about 500 juvenile oysters, acquired from Cornell Cooperative Extension, and then moored about 50 feet off shore. Using calipers, the scouts measured the size of 20 oysters and calculated an average before the gardens were moored. The initial average was about half a centimeter. Every two weeks the scouts ventured down to West Harbor, swam out and retrieved their respective gardens from the water, cleaned the gardens to remove algae build-up, and took measurements and calculated new averages. By the end of September the oysters had grown to 4 to 5 centimeters and were taken to the Cold Spring Harbor spawning area for permanent placement that is protected from harvest. The scouts not only had a great learning experience, but had a lot of fun too!



Bayville Scouts helping to improve our water and marine habitat.

## Did You Know?



The Bayville Gazebo has been moved to this scenic spot at the east end of Creek Road near Creek Beach.

## BAYVILLE BRIDGE WORK SCHEDULE

### HALF CLOSURE

(1 Lane Open with Alternate Direction Traffic Signal)

#### FIRST HALF CLOSURE EAST SIDE

9/7/2021 thru 11/30/2021

#### SECOND HALF CLOSURE WEST SIDE

1/3/2022 thru 3/30/2022

### FULL CLOSURE

(Bridge in Jacked Position — Full Detour)

#### FIRST CLOSURE NORTH SPAN

11/1/2022 thru 11/30/2022

#### SECOND CLOSURE SOUTH SPAN

3/2/2023 thru 3/31/2023

Marine traffic must use half the channel from Sept '22 thru Apr '23

**PROJECT COMPLETION PROJECTED BY JULY 2023**

## New Ambulance for Bayville Fire Company



On Sunday, October 3rd, the Bayville Fire Company held a dedication ceremony for a new, state-of-the-art ambulance. The new ambulance was built by PL Custom based in southern New Jersey. The ambulance comes equipped with a full power stretcher that allows first responders to load and transport patients safely.

The vehicle is equipped with a full range of equipment to aid in emergency medical technicians ability to quickly administer care and get those in need to the hospital quickly and safely. The new ambulance should serve Bayville, Centre Island and Mill Neck for many years to come.

The fire company has responded to over 500 alarms so far this year. About 300 of those alarms have been for EMS related incidents.

To report a fire or emergency, call 516-742-3300 or dial 911.



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## Grants for State-of-the Art Nitrogen-Reducing Septic Systems

Eric Jeter

Nassau County is offering 200 grants of \$20,000 for homeowners or small businesses to install state-of-the-art nitrogen-reducing septic systems. The approved nitrogen-reducing technologies (also known as Innovative and Alternative Onsite Waste Treatment Systems or I/A OWTS) use filtration and biological processes to ultimately convert the organic nitrogen pollutant found in wastewater into harmless nitrogen gas. Businesses and homes in Bayville have a direct impact on the health of Oyster Bay, Mill Neck Creek, and the Long Island Sound. Too much nitrogen from outdated septic tanks or cesspools pollutes waterways, contributing to beach closures, restrictions on shellfishing, toxic algae blooms, and massive fish kills. In addition, excess nitrogen can lead to loss of wetland marshes as their roots become too shallow to withstand storms and other disturbance. Since these wetlands protect the shorelines from storms and serve as a natural filter for stormwater from the land and provide habitat for marine life, their destruction can cause significant impacts. Nitrogen released from homes and businesses near the water causes the highest impact on the marine environment.

### What is the cost of a new system under the program?

The systems cost \$20,000-\$25,000 installed and the engineering typically costs \$2,000-\$4,000. The annual electric costs are currently estimated to range from \$57 to \$266 per year. Typically, maintenance agreements cost about \$300 per year. Proper maintenance helps ensure that these systems continue to remove nitrogen as designed (the purpose of the grants).

### Who is eligible?

- Single family, two family, not-for-profit organizations, and small businesses with an existing sanitary design flow less than or equal to 1,000 gallons per day (GPD) may be eligible for this program.
- The project must be a replacement of an existing septic system or cesspool with a new nitrogen-reducing IA OWTS. The IA OWTS must have been installed after March 1, 2018 to be eligible for the S.E.P.T.I.C. grant funding.

## Bayville Water Department Update

The Village of Bayville Water Department is always engaged in multiple projects to better serve the community and ensure the quality and availability of our water. Currently, The Water Department is in the process of installing its SCADA system (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) which will enable us to monitor our water system more effectively. This summer we completed the first half of our comprehensive hydrant maintenance program in which 117 hydrants were serviced, painted, and flow tested. We are pleased to announce that not a single hydrant in the Village is out of service. The second half of our hydrant maintenance program will take place next spring/summer and continue every year thereafter.

The Village of Bayville Water Department has completed its initial monitoring for 1,4-dioxane and pfoa/pfos for all three of its wells as per the NCDOH Water Quality Monitoring Requirements. We are pleased to report that all three wells had no detections. Presently, the Village of Bayville is one of the only Long Island Water Departments that has no filtration or remediation to its water.

You can now pay your water bills online. Please visit the Village homepage at Bayvillenyny.gov and click the link to be directed to the payment portal. Please remember to have your backflow devices tested annually. This test is required pursuant to the New York State Cross Connection Control Program and helps to ensure that our water system is protected from cross contamination.

As always, the Water Department staff is pleased to serve the community and continues to offer the highest quality of water to our residents.

## Winter Maintenance

### FIRE HYDRANTS

The importance of keeping fire hydrants visible and clear of ice and snow during the winter months cannot be stressed enough. The time it would take firefighters to dig a hydrant out from underneath the frozen snow during an emergency situation could mean the difference between life and death. So, as driveways and walkways are cleared after a significant accumulation, please clear around the fire hydrant nearest your home – regardless of whether the apparatus is on your property or your neighbor's.

### SIDEWALK CARE AND PARKING

In the event of snow, sidewalks are to be cleared within 12 hours after snowfall. All cars need to be removed from the roadway to ensure proper snow plowing. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Sidewalks are to be kept free of snow, ice, leaves and other debris.

### STORM DRAINS

Be sure the catch basin near your home is clear of leaves and debris. This inspection will aid in preventing flooding and will also prevent excess ice from accumulating on the roadway during the winter months. If you are part of a homeowner's association, please contact them if you notice the catch basin blocked or not draining. Please keep in mind that preventive measures such as inspecting drains and catch basins, are the best way to avoid water damage to the road or your property.

### LEAF PICKUP

Leaves in clear bags will be picked up on your recycling or trash days. No leaves are to be raked or blown into streets or drains. A maximum of 10 bags of leaves may be put out for pickup at any one time.

### HOUSE NUMBERS

All houses in the Village should have numbers which are clearly visible from the road. In the event of an emergency the Fire and Police Departments need your cooperation so they can respond as quickly as possible.

## Bayville Free Library– Bouncing Forward, Not Back

Judy Casillo, President of the Board of Trustees and Ashley Birbal, Director

The Bayville Free Library board would like to update the community on the progress of our renovation and expansion project. The bid process is completed, and we have selected the company who will be doing the work. All the permits have been filed, and a contract has been signed for the work to commence.

This process has been lengthy and we would not have reached this point without the tireless dedication and diligence of Katie Schlicht, Tom Tini and Judy Wohrle, our renovation committee. They have been assisted by architect Ray Beeler from Gallin Beeler Design Studio, and project manager Mike Reed from Elite Construction.

The project is divided into three phases, and during the first two phases there will be no interruption to regular library services. So please continue to visit the library, check out the plans if you haven't already, and take advantage of all that we offer!



From the left: Library Board Members Judy Wohrle and Katie Schlicht with Library Director Ashley Birbal and Tom Tini

## Tree Replacements Continue

Debbie Fallon

As a result of the generous donations we received from the residents in our community, the Bayville Beautification Committee is continuing our work on the tree replacement and the landscaping project in the islands in the Village. The tree stumps were removed and, in the near future, the new trees will be planted in time for spring blooms. The fall plantings are adding beautiful color throughout the Village and soon we will be decorating for the holidays. The gazebo that was formerly located by the bridge has been moved to the Creek Beach for your enjoyment and viewing pleasure. Thank you for your continued support and we would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!



New Japanese Lilac Tree



## President Streets Dunes Project

Jake Jacobi

The President Streets are protected from the rough waters of the Long Island Sound by dunes established 35 year ago.

With all good intentions, we've been planting, as a maintenance plan, a number of grasses and shrubs to create a root system to hold the dunes in place and facilitate new growth from the wind blown sand grains that drop to grow the dune.

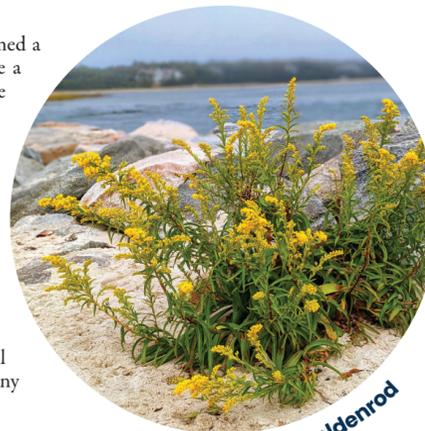
In September our association formed a committee to oversee and execute a plan to add more plantings to the dunes while eradicating the invasive and non-native plants.

At our first meeting, the turnout was wonderful with a mix of home gardeners as well as volunteers to work on the dunes.

A great big thank you to Anthony Marinello from Dropseed Native Landscapes for meeting with us and patiently answering all questions that were asked from many different directions.

Thanks also to Chris Pflaumer for supporting us and sharing his knowledge and wonderful suggestions on how to approach this project.

The project is expected to take 7-10 years as time and budget allows. The goal, with Anthony and Chris's guidance, is to have this 1/2 mile dune become a vibrant ecosystem pleasing to all.



Seaside Goldenrod

## Bayville Artists Exhibition 2021-22

Phil Pecorino

There will be exhibitions of the "Works of Our Bayville Artists" in the Bayville Historical Museum on School Street. The first exhibition will be in the months of December 2021 and January and February of 2022. Thereafter there may be subsequent exhibitions each lasting three months. The exhibitions will open with a Friday Evening Wine and Cheese Event followed by viewing hours on Saturday and Sundays.

The exhibitions are to be sponsored by the Bayville Village Arts Council and the Bayville Historical Museum. The Curators are Dave Rapelje of the Bayville Historical Museum and Phil Pecorino of the Bayville Village Arts Council.

If you wish to have your works (Paintings, Photography, Sculpture, Mixed Media, Graphic Art) included contact Phil Pecorino at papny@aol.com. You will tour the Museum and submit the works you want to exhibit.

The Museum has effective security systems and will have security during the hours of operation. Artists may remove and then return their works between actual shows if they so wish.

Most of the rooms of the Museum will be emptied to then hold the works of our artists. There may not be room enough to house the work of all artists who wish to participate in the first show. There will be subsequent shows and in addition to containing the works of artists who have not been on exhibition previously may contain the works of artists whose works were part of previous exhibitions.

We do hope that you will contact Phil Pecorino at papny@aol.com and indicate your willingness to participate. We thank you for your consideration of this invitation.



## BAYVILLE VILLAGE ARTS COUNCIL

Working to Bring Art of Our Neighbors to the Neighborhood

Artists, please introduce yourselves by emailing: [ArtsCouncil@BayvilleNY.gov](mailto:ArtsCouncil@BayvilleNY.gov) or calling 516.628.1439.

The Friends of the Bayville Free Library are back with museum passes and special events.

Watch your January mail for our 2022 membership application.

We can't do it without your generous support.

### Holiday Highlights

**DECEMBER 4**

**Breakfast with Santa**  
9:00-11:30 AM – Crescent Club

**Christmas tree lighting**  
5:00 PM – Commons

**DECEMBER 5**

**Hanukkah Celebration**  
4:00 PM – Commons

**Hanukkah Candle Lighting**  
4:30 PM – Commons